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CABOT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 15, 2014

Cabot School Library

PRESENT: Chris Tormey, Lisa Olson, Sharon O'Connor, Jackie Folsom, Ry Hoffman **Administrators:** Christina Kimball, Business Manager; Gail Curtis, Principal; Dave Schilling, Principal Intern; Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; **Student Representatives:** Gage Sironi, Heidi Cookson, Megan Walker

Call to Order Chris Tormey, Chair called meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda

Approve December 1, 2014 Minutes: Chris Tormey motioned to accept minutes as written. Sharon O'Connor Seconded. Minutes approved as written.

Reports

a. **Superintendent Report** - Nancy Thomas

- The Lillian performance was amazing.
- Margaret Fix hired as a long term substitute for Peter Stratman. She will start tomorrow, December 16th.
- Kathleen Hoyne has accepted a full time position at the library. She will be leaving Cabot Connects.

b. **Principal Report** – Gail Curtis

- Fourth Grade has been chosen to take the NAEP (national test) this year. Will take test in January.
- SBAC: Have begun practice tests.
- Middle School citrus has been delivered for a fund-raiser
- Margaret Fix has been hired as a long term sub.
- Dave is going to meet this week with students who are interested in planning an alternative trip to the Belize trip.
- Secondary staff met with Bill Rich from Higher Education Collaborative last week. Moving toward proficiency based learning.

c. **Student Report** – Gage Sironi, Megan Walker, Heidi Cookson

- Lillian performance with Twinfield last Thursday and Friday. There was a full house each night. Composer Ben Lear, came to see the show on Friday night from Los Angeles.
- Belize auction went better than expected \$3,900 was raised that evening. \$3,700 was from actual auction items.
- Saturday was the Green Mountain Symphony Concert with Cabot students.
- Heidi and Gage were nominated for the Presidential Scholarship from the State of Vermont. They will apply for the scholarship in January and will find out the results in February.
- Midterms are starting this week.

d. FY 15 Financial report.

- Christina shared information from the FY 15 budget status.
- Operating slightly under one percent of the budget.

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- Loss of revenue. Budgeted for 8 tuition students but actually have 4.4
- Expecting more money than budgeted in formula reimbursement for special educators.
- Under budget by \$100,000 in revenues.

Board Discussion

- a. Principal Search
 - Meeting Wednesday and Thursday this week. 4 candidates. Gage and Megan will be part of hiring committee.
- b. FY 16 Budget- Draft #3
 - This draft reflects a 5.39% budget to budget increase.
 - PE position is back to .9 FTE
 - Reduced the Supply line item
 - Vocational payment reduced by \$15,000.
 - Increase in Small Schools Grant
 - Will not qualify for Small School Stability Grant
 - Removed option for Washington County Mental Health services contract.
 - Board would like to see a tax rate increase of between 4% and 6% for the next draft.
- c. Facility Committee Next Steps
 - Polly Wheeler came with engineer last week.
 - Community/ Facility Committee next steps will be to think about what we want to have for a school.
- c. Policy Second Reading: F3 Search and Seizure by School Personnel
 - Reviewed policy. Will vote on at next board meeting.

Board Action: None

Executive Session : For Personnel Issue. Jackie moved to go into executive session. Chris seconded. Board went into executive session at 8:00 p.m. The Board returned from executive session at 8:20 p.m. No action was taken

Adjournment – 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda LeBlanc, Transcriber